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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of	)		
	)	MUR 4632	Cricerii
The Nevada State Republican Central Committee	)		SENSITIVE
and Ronald F. Ryan, as Treasurer	)		
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### GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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# I. BACKGROUND

This matter was generated from information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). On January 13, 1998, the Commission found probable cause to believe that the Respondents, the Nevada State Republican Central Committee (the "Committee") and Ronald F. Ryan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(a), 433(c), and 434(a)(4)(B). The Commission also approved a Conciliation Agreement

### II. ANALYSIS

# III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Reject the counteroffer of the Nevada State Republican Central Committee and Ronald F. Ryan, as treasurer.
- 2. Approve the attached Conciliation Agreement.
- 3. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to file civil suit and to enforce the Act against the Nevada State Republican Central Committee and Ronald F. Ryan, as treasurer, unless a mutually agreeable conciliation agreement has been concluded within twenty days of Respondents' receipt of this revised counteroffer.
- 4. Approve the appropriate letter.

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#### Attachments:

- 1. Letter filed April 12, 1995 indicating resignation of Robert T. Beers as treasurer
- la. Respondents' Brief
- 2. Letter received June 26, 1995 indicating Robert S. Bingham as new treasurer
- 3. Letter received August 7, 1995 indicating resignation of Robert S. Bingham
- 4. Letter received September 5, 1995 indicating earlier resignation and re-election of Beers
- Respondents' counteroffer
- 6. Letter received February 20, 1996 indicating purchase of computer software
- 7. Conciliation Agreement

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